

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 17, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

16.197

An Order

To purchase 55 ± acres on the easterly side of Coles Meadow Road with an easement

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2011-2018* recommends preserving open space to expanding the Broad Brook Greenway and protecting the Broad Brook watershed;

WHEREAS, The owner of 55± acres located easterly of Coles Meadow Road, Northampton, and an easement to provide access to Linseed Road, Hatfield, has agreed to sell their property for \$55,000, below the City's assessed value;

WHEREAS, This purchase will link the Broad Brook Greenway providing new walking opportunities for Northampton residents along an attractive ridge and into Hatfield, providing additional collaboration opportunities with the Town of Hatfield;

WHEREAS, Funding will come from Community Preservation Act, other grants, and community contributions;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable;

Further, that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions;

Further, that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions on any land so acquired.

